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SUBJECT: GENSCHER'S VISIT TO GREECE: CYPRUS ISSUE

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1. FOREIGN OFFICE COMMENT TO SUPPLEMENT REFTEL ON
GENSCHER'S AUGUST 17-19 VISIT TO GREECE SUBMITTED SEPTTEL.
FOLLOWING IS SEGMENT OF BRIEFING (PROVIDED BY BENSCH)
DEALING WITH CYPRUS AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS.

2. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GREEK SIDE GAVE INDICATIONS
THAT IT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FRG'S "BALANCED POLICY"
BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY WAS NOT IMPLICITLY PRO-
TURKISH. WHAT BROUGHT THEM TO THIS JUNCTURE, BENSCH
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PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID IT SEEMED
APPARENT THAT THE GREEK SIDE REALIZED THAT THE FRG, WITH
ITS CREDIBILITY IN ANKARA INTACT, COULD BE USEFUL IN
TRANSLATING GREEK POSITIONS AND ATTITUDES TO THE TURKS.

3. GENSCHER'S ANSWER TO THIS (AS OUTLINED REFTEL) WAS
THAT THE FRG WOULD BE HAPPY TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO

PROMOTE A RECONCILIATION AND TO HELP SOLVE THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. MEDIATION, HOWEVER, WOULD PUT THE FRG IN AN UNACCEPTABLE POSITION AND JEOPARDIZE THE POSITION THE FRG ENJOYED IN BOTH CAPITALS. THE GREEKS SIGNIFIED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS DISTINCTION WHEN THEY ASKED GENSCHER TO FORWARD A LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL. BENSCH SAID HE WAS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE LETTER'S CONTENTS.

4. ACCORDING TO BENSCH, THE DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS NEVER REACHED THE POINT OF "FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSION." THE GREEK SIDE EXPLAINED ITS POSITION AS DID THE GERMAN SIDE. GENSCHER TOLD BITSIOS THAT SINCE THE FRG RECOGNIZED STATES NOT GOVERNMENTS IT HAD NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH RECOGNIZING MAKARIOS'S SUCCESSOR. MAKARIOS' DEATH, FROM THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW, CHANGED NOTHING IN TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE GREEKS DID NOT OBJECT WHEN THEY WERE TOLD, IN CONVERSATION ON THE WORKING LEVEL, THAT THE FRG WAS NOT DISPOSED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

5. ON ALL LEVELS, THE GREEKS WERE AT A LOSS TO INFER THE FUTURE OF POST-MAKARIOS CYPRUS. NO ONE, ACCORDING TO BENSCH, WOULD SPECULATE EVEN PRIVATELY AS TO WHAT MAKARIOS' PASSING WOULD MEAN EVEN IN THE SHORT RUN.

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